

B2 17/55. (New) The tube of claim 1, wherein said alloy comprises the following constituents in per cent by weight as indicated: carbon, 0.1-0.5; chromium, 20-35; nickel, 20-45; niobium, 0-2; silicon, 0-2; tungsten, 0.5; additions, 0-1; and the balance containing iron.

18/56. (New) The tube of claim 1, wherein said alloy has a mean 100,000 hour stress rupture value of more than 6 Mpa at 1000°C.

In the drawings:

Please replace Fig. 2b and Fig. 3b as filed with the attached sheets.

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's telephone interview of January 22 regarding proposed amendments.

Applicant amends claim 1 in response to the Examiner's section 112 objection by removing the recitation of selected properties of creep resistant alloys and adding dependent claims that incorporate those recitations. As amended, claim 1 no longer contains disjunctive language. Applicant believes that these amendments are consistent with those proposed in the above telephone interview and that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

In an office action mailed on September 12, 2000, the Official Draftsman indicated that the half-tones of Figs. 2b and 3b were of poor quality. Applicant submits herewith replacement Figs. 2b and 3b identical to the figures originally filed but with improved half-tone reproduction. No new matter is introduced.

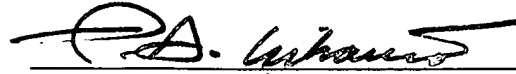
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